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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 86

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND
REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION FIELD OFFICE IN SHIPROCK.**

**WHEREAS, Shiprock is the largest community west of
Farmington in San Juan county; and**

**WHEREAS, over one-half of the population of San Juan
county lives outside of the municipalities of Farmington,
Bloomfield and Aztec; and**

**WHEREAS, forty percent of the population of San Juan
county is Native American and most of that population lives
west of Farmington; and**

**WHEREAS, although there are three motor vehicle division
field offices in San Juan county, they are located in
Farmington, Aztec and Bloomfield, with no offices located in**

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1 the western part of the county; and

2 WHEREAS, residents of western San Juan county oftentimes
3 must drive for more than an hour to get to the Farmington
4 office, the one that is closest to them, and then, due to the
5 high traffic in that office, must wait up to five hours to be
6 served; and

7 WHEREAS, this situation will only get worse since the
8 greatest increase in the population of San Juan county is in
9 the western part of the county, where one-half of the county's
10 population of children fourteen years of age and younger now
11 reside; and

12 WHEREAS, locating a motor vehicle division field office in
13 Shiprock will help relieve the long lines and long waiting
14 times at the Farmington motor vehicle division field office and
15 will allow that office to run more efficiently;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the motor vehicle division of the
18 taxation and revenue department be requested to study the
19 feasibility of establishing a motor vehicle division field
20 office in Shiprock; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the motor vehicle division of
22 the taxation and revenue department report its findings to the
23 Indian affairs committee no later than November 2005 and
24 provide the legislative council service library with two copies
25 of the written report it develops pursuant to this memorial;

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1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the secretary of taxation and revenue, the
4 director of the motor vehicle division of the taxation and
5 revenue department, the secretary of Indian affairs and the
6 chapter president of the Shiprock chapter of the Navajo Nation.

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